

Ball, George F.  
[Barre, VT]

1914-1919

105 Hill St. Barre Vt. Sept 27 1914  
Howland Wood Numismatist  
New York City

Dear Sir:

The last time I saw Mr. Morrey in Boston I enquired for you and he told me about your going to New York, I was in search of you to attribute a few Oriental silver coins 15 to 20 of them since then a friend of mine has returned from China (was there 4 years) and brought me 10 lbs of brass and copper running as large as 100 cash, weighing  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ozs 400 pieces in the lot some duplicates about 100 varieties I think, He had some of them attributed by some

native teachers but there are about  
 20 kinds (some have duplicates) which I  
 wish to get attributed can you do it  
 for me or get it done and will  
 you do so also can you give me any  
 idea what it will cost

Very Respectfully

Geo. F. Ball

P.S. I used to meet you once in a  
 few weeks at Kendricks Money Exchange  
 that business has been closed out.  
 Mr. Conroy is out of health so he is doing  
 no business Miss Conroy is in the office  
 of Colpits Ticket Agency 333 Wash. St.  
 Exchanging money I have bought a few coins  
 of her

G. F. B.

September 30th, 1914.

Mr. George F. Ball,

Barry,

Vermont.

Dear Mr. Ball:-

Your letter just at hand, and I will be glad to help you out on attributing your Chinese coins. I have been accustomed to charge either five or ten cents a coin according to the time spent for attributing.

Very truly,

Oct 13, 1914.

Mr. George F. Ball

105 Hill Street,

Barre, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Your package containing coins just at hand and I  
will go over this in the next few days and return to you.

I beg to remain,

Verystruly yours,

Oct. 23, 1914.

Mr. George F. Ball

105 Hill Street,

Barre,

Vermont.

Dear Sir:-

I am sending you by parcel post, insured, the sixty  
coins sent for attribution.

I am herewith enclosing the attribution of these coins  
numbered according to the rapper on each coin, together with this I  
am enclosing my bill.

Very truly yours,



Nov. 9, 1914.

Mr. George F. Ball  
105 Hill Street,  
Barre, Vt.

Dear Sir:-

Your package with the second lot of coins received together \$5.00, for which I thank you.

I have attributed all of this second lot and am sending you the list herewith. As far as prices go, I have rated these according to what I think they are worth. Chinese coins of the Sung dynasty, and the last or Tsing dynasty, are very common. They sell at auction sales, either unattributed or roughly attributed, any where from one to five cents each. When they are carefully attributed they don't sell for much more though it is fair to state that any coin attributed is worth from five to ten cents. The larger, or two cash pieces are worth a couple of cents more than the one cash pieces. In my last list of attributions I neglected for the most part to state whether your pieces were one cash or two cash pieces. This you can tell yourself by the size.

I am returning you herewith receipted bill for \$4.00 and a new bill for \$2.40 less \$1.00 which you have already paid me, making \$1.40.

I am herewith giving you approximate prices of the coins I first attributed

1. \$ .35	5. \$2.00	18. \$ .15	28. \$ .25	32. \$ .50
2. \$ .10	6. \$ .25	22. \$ .10	29. \$ .20	33. \$ .50
3. \$ .15	7. \$ .10	26. \$ .20	30. \$ .25	34. \$ .30
4. \$ .50	8. \$ .10	27. \$ .20	31. \$ .25	35. \$ .15

37. \$.1.50	43. to <u>46</u> \$.50 each	51. \$.50	55. \$.25	59. \$.40
38. \$.25	48. \$.50	52. \$.35	56. \$.05	60. \$.35
40. \$.10	49. \$.60	53. \$.60	57. \$.60	
41. \$.10	50. \$.50	54. \$.15	58. \$.10	

The other numbers are worth any where from two to five cents.  
each. All of the coins sent in your last lot are genuine.

I remain,

Very truly yours,



105 Hill St, Barre Vt. Nov 24 1914  
Howland Wood

N.Y. City

Dear Sir:

I am sending money order  
for \$1.50 to settle acct.

I am also sending rubbing of 3  
characters on Hsien Tung coins can  
you tell me what they mean

Very respectfully

Geo. F. Ball

Nov. 30, 1914.

Mr. George F. Ball  
105 Hill Street,  
Barre, Vt.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter with postoffice money order at hand and many thanks for the same.

On the sheet of paper that you made the rubbings of the four characters I am giving you an explanation of them. It may be of interest to you to know that the characters on Chinese coins are usually written in the following order;- top, bottom, right, left, of the square hole. Sometimes however, on the earlier coins the characters are written clockwise on top, right, bottom, left.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

105 Fifth St. Barre Vt. Apr 11 1915

How and Wood  
N.Y. City

Dear Sir!

I am sending you two coins to  
be a <sup>th'</sup> routed

Can you get me some to fill a few gaps  
in my string of Chinese dates

I want to cover as follows between

<sup>BC.</sup> 263 <sup>BC.</sup> 179 ——— <sup>BC.</sup> 157 <sup>BC.</sup> 118 ——— <sup>A.D.</sup> 627 <sup>A.D.</sup> 841

847 <sup>to</sup> 1023 ——— ~~1015~~ 1067 <sup>to</sup> 1068 ——— 1190 <sup>to</sup> 1195 —

1265 <sup>to</sup> 1308 ——— 1312 <sup>to</sup> 1368 ——— 1399 <sup>to</sup> 1403

1436 <sup>to</sup> 1628 ——— 1647 <sup>to</sup> 1661 ——— 1722 <sup>to</sup> 1735 —

send any you can get to cover the gaps  
in whole or in part, with bills and I will  
settle, I have about 200 pieces to dispose of  
can you help me do it.

Very respectfully

Geo. T. Bell

100 Hill St. & Berne St. June 4 1916

Howland Wood.

N. Y. City.

Dear Sir,

It has been some time since I sent  
any coins to you in fact I owe you for attributing  
2 of them. I had just got in touch with a Dr.  
located at Peking China and expected to send  
you some more coins in a short time.  
Did not hear from him until now, got a small  
lot, am sending you two old pieces with the  
description he sent. I wish to have you describe  
them for me so I can find out how much  
he knows about them. I also enclose .50  
for you to take you pay for these and the 2  
others last year. Will send a rubbing of 3 dollars  
he sent me, the one with mis. ar. "33<sup>th</sup>" he  
says is rare and I already had one do you  
care for it? am sending a small box for

you to keep as he sent me 3 of them, he said  
it was 1/10 of a cash which means very small money  
to me. I gave him a rubbing or description of all  
the Chinese stuff I had and he thought  
he could find me a lot more if he could  
have time, so I hope to get a lot more  
by ~~waiting~~ waiting

Very respectfully

Geo. T. Ball

June 12th, 1916.

Mr. George F. Ball,  
1056 Hill Street,  
Barre, Vermont.

Dear Sir:-

As you say, it has been a long time since we have corresponded, and I am very glad to hear from you again. The coins you sent me are correctly attributed by your Chinese friend. The larger piece is rare, and it takes it around ten dollars. The other piece is more common.

It is impossible to put the actual dates when these pieces were issued, but the larger piece was issued sometime between the eighth and fourth centuries, and the small piece between the fifth and fourth centuries, B. C.

We are from now on going to make more of a specialty of Chinese coins, and we have probably the two largest collections of these now in our building one belonging to the Society and the other to a Mr. Bailey, who is going to give his time to collecting and studying these, therefore, he, and especially Mr. Bailey, would be most pleased to hear in touch with you. Also if ever you hear of any buyers and new facts, and can get anything as really as one specimen of new things, I think Mr. Bailey would be very glad to take one of them. He is not here to-day, but will begin to correspond with you in the fall as he will be away most of the summer.

The bigger piece of the 11th year we have not got, and would like it if you will let us know the price. We have halfpenny pieces of the 11th year, with and with years in good condition. Would you care for any of those? The other ten coins you sent rubbings of we have.

We are looking for other dollars as follows:- One of Vice-President Li showing about full bust and a military cap like a jockey cap, and also a dollar of Tsai Shih Kai, a photograph of which I am enclosing. This you can keep.

I am in thank you for the small bronze coin you sent me. Although I have a number of these, I did not have the mint mark that you sent.

I beg to also thank you for your other favors, and remain,

Yours very truly,



105 Hill St. Barre Vt. Nov 25 1918

Sydney P. Noe Sec.

American Numismatic Society,  
New York City.

Dear Sir;

I was at your rooms last July 25  
and spent a very pleasant afternoon, the  
gentlemen who showed me about gave me much  
attention and I appreciated it.

I told <sup>him</sup> I must do something <sup>so</sup> I would join  
the Society, expecting to be in the City  
again this winter. My Son whom I was in  
the city to see has been sent to Cal,  
so I may not be down again for some time  
I enclose \$5.00 for the membership for 5 months  
and you will please drop my name from the  
roll on Dec 31, have received only one  
copy of the magazine, Very respectfully Geo. F. Ball

November 27th, 1918.

Mr. George F. Ball,  
105 Hill Street,  
Barre, Vermont.

My dear Mr. Ball:-

I have just seen your letter to Mr. Noe resigning from the Society, and wonder if you could not be persuaded to change your mind in this matter, as I really feel that you would find it worth while to remain a member. I realize that you perhaps have not got very much from the Society during the last five months and that is our fault although we feel that we have some excuse for losing touch with our members since Mr. Newell, our President, and Mr. Noe, the Secretary, both ~~went~~ <sup>went</sup> into the Army, and in addition the Staff, already weakened by their absence, has been suffering from influenza, with the result that we have lost touch with a good many of our members. Mr. Noe is already back and Mr. Newell is expected soon, and the influenza epidemic seems to be over, so we can resume our ordinary courses once more.

In regard to the Numismatist, I do not understand why you received but one copy, and I am sending you the back numbers, and will take it up with the publishers immediately. Perhaps the Numismatist has been under somewhat the same difficulties we have. I know that Mr. Duffield, the Editor, lost both his daughter and son-in-law within a few days of each other as a result of the epidemic.

At any rate I hope you can continue to be one of us and we will do our best to make you feel that your membership is worth while.

With pleasant recollections of your visit to the Society.

New York, January 2, 1919.



G. F. Ball, Esq.,  
105 Hill Street,  
Barre, Vermont.

To The American Numismatic Society, Dr.

BROADWAY, BETWEEN 155TH AND 156TH STREETS



Associate Membership Dues for year ending December 31st, 1919 . . . \$5.00

Received Payment,

*Resigned January 6, 1919.*

Treasurer.

Membership Medal (Silver, \$8.00; Bronze, \$4.00), may be obtained from the Treasurer.

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**By-Laws.**

**CHAPTER IV. SECTION 2.**

Any Member or Associate Member in arrears for more than one year shall be dropped from the roll after due notification. But may be reinstated by resolution of the Council upon payment of the arrears.